

## **Financial and Private Sector Development**

### **Vocational Education and Entrepreneurship Training Consultant**

The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) is a new U.S. Government corporation whose mission is to provide assistance that will support economic growth and poverty reduction in carefully selected countries that demonstrate a commitment to just and democratic governance, economic freedom, and investments in their citizenry. For more information on the MCC, please visit [www.mcc.gov](http://www.mcc.gov).

MCC will be providing development grants to a number of low-income nations around the world that have satisfied the eligibility criteria for participation in the program. Key operating principles relating to the award of grants include emphasis on high economic impact projects, reward for performance, partnership with recipient countries, and focus on results. Eligible countries develop and submit proposals to MCC for its consideration.

The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) seeks experts on vocational education and entrepreneurship to assist with the analysis of proposed vocational education and entrepreneurship training projects in developing countries, and to assist with the design of such programs.

Included within the proposal from any given country may be one or more projects or activities related to Vocational Education and/or Entrepreneurship Training. To carry out its operational mandate, MCC seeks the services of experienced Vocational Education and Entrepreneurship consultant ("Designated Consultant") to assist MCC in conducting technical due diligence of such projects or activities and/or assisting client countries in further developing or refining projects proposed for assistance. Once a project has been approved and a funding commitment extended, further assistance may be requested from such Designated Consultant in monitoring project implementation and/or to periodically review and evaluate project sustainability, performance and impacts.

**SELECTION:** Successful candidates will have both appropriate educational qualifications; professional experience in Vocational Education and Entrepreneurship Training in developing and/or transitional countries; and excellent oral and written communications skills. Best qualified applicants will have experience including at least 10 years relevant experience in:

- Supporting the governments of developing and/or transitional countries, or institutions in those countries, to plan and implement vocational education programs for youth or adult populations and/or,
- Supporting the governments of developing and/or transitional countries, or institutions in those countries, to plan and implement entrepreneurship

training programs for audiences that may have limited experience in formal educational settings,

- Management of vocational education and/or entrepreneurship training in developed or developing countries,
- Evaluation of vocational education and/or entrepreneurship training programs.

Experience in Vocational Education will be considered of more importance in selection of consultant than level of experience in Entrepreneurship Training.

Well qualified candidates will also be skilled in performing project analysis and appraisal, with an ability to identify the essential risks and issues of concern to a funding entity. Project analysis and appraisal should also include an assessment of the economic growth and poverty reduction impact of vocational education and entrepreneurship. Moreover, the persons selected must have the ability to identify implementation risks and appropriate mitigation measures. Designated Consultants must have the ability to brief high-level U.S. and foreign government officials on critical technical matters and would be expected to coordinate with local authorities responsible for MCC Compact development as well as other donors, where relevant.

Travel to foreign countries will be likely required: thus international experience, especially in developing or transitional countries, is highly desirable, as are language skills (common working languages are French, Spanish, and Portuguese; others may be relevant as well). Designated Consultants may be requested to mobilize on short notice and will be expected to deliver high-quality finished products in a timely manner.

Immediate assignment is for short-term work in Mongolia. Candidates with familiarity with countries with similar legal and social contexts will be preferred. However, MCC will maintain a roster of additional candidates as it expects to need consultants in Vocational Education/Entrepreneurship Training for work in other countries as well.

This announcement is not restricted to U.S. citizens. Individual assignments could range from a few days to 6 months in duration. Compensation will be based upon experience. The MCC will select multiple sources to provide these services. There will be no commitment to a minimum amount of work after the award of a contract.

TO APPLY: Interested parties should submit by e-mail to [recruitment@mcc.gov](mailto:recruitment@mcc.gov) the following package: a resume (5 page limit) and brief cover letter 1) describing areas of expertise, 2) containing three professional references, 3) proposed consultancy rates on a daily basis to include salary history during the past 3 years. Please include "VocEd" in the subject line of your e-mail and indicate the

publication wherein you saw the advertisement. This announcement is open through February 19, 2006, although selections may be made prior to that date. Short-listed candidates will be requested to register with [www.mybizoffice.com/mcc](http://www.mybizoffice.com/mcc).